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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Third Status Inquiry (1 page); and
2. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at: (212) 935-3000, New York, New York. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number 17741-503.

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THIRD STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Sir:

Applicants requested a Status Inquiry for the above-referenced patent application on June 13, 2003. However, Applicants have not received a reply and are hereby requesting a Third Status Inquiry. Applicants respectfully requests the present status of this application. Applicants have not received an Office Action and the last communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office was a Notice of Publication of Application mailed on August 15, 2002. Kindly inform the undersigned attorney of record of the status of the above-referenced patent application.

Should the Examining Unit wish to telephone the undersigned, the undersigned may be reached at telephone number (212) 935-3000, Customer Number: 35437.

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